today's squads

NORTHERN SPIRIT		CARLTON
John Perosh*	1	Dean Anastasiadis*
Robert Enes	2	Dave McPherson
Matthew Langdon	3	Craig Deans
Matthew Bingley	4	Simon Colosimo
Mark Rudan	5	Sean Douglas
Luke Casserly	6	Andrew Marth
Robbie Slater (cpt)	7	Stuart Slater
Tony Perinich	8	Mark Atkinson
David Seal	9	Alex Moriera
	10	Lubo Lapsansky
Troy Cranney	11	Archie Thyompson
Simon Catanzaro	12	Mike Conroy
Phil Moss	13	Steve Martin
Shane Lyons	14	John Markovski
Tony Faria	15	Con Anthopoulos
Dean Culina	16	David Terminello
Paul Bilokapic	17	Joe Tricarico
Paul Wearne	18	
Graham Arnold (coach)	19	
Jess Van Stratten*	20	Adrian Cagalj*
Michael Cunico	21	Andrew Packer
Paul Henderson*	22	Angelo Motsiopoulos
Adam Snyder	23	Colin Azzopardi
Elvis Olic	24	Joshua Kennedy
Ryan Griffiths	25	Daniel Vasilevski
Jack Sobczyk	26	
Adam Griffiths	27	
Abbas Saad	28	
Ian Crook	29	
Sean Cranney	30	
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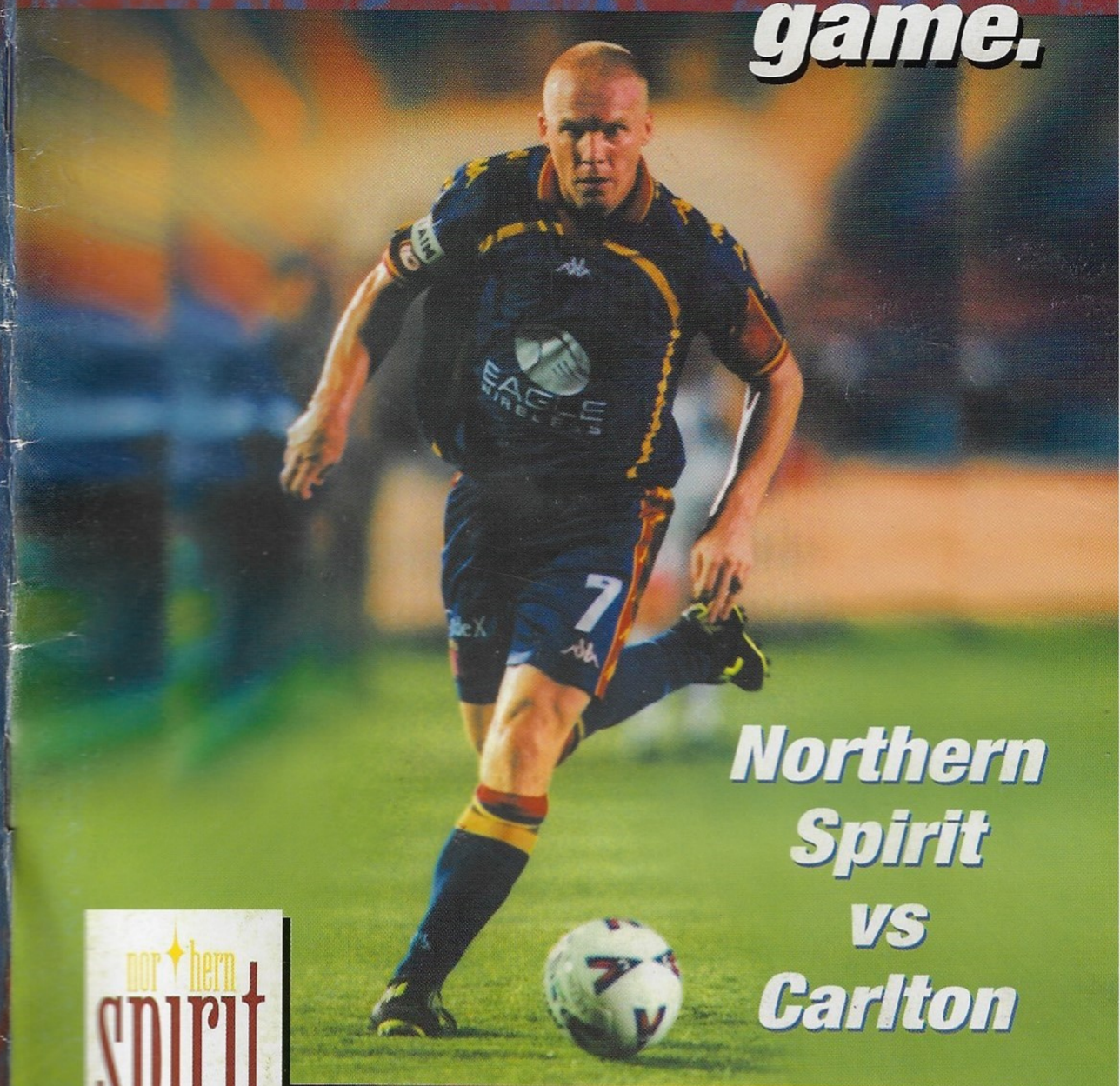

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GRAHAM ARNOLD COLUMN

Tonight we meet Carlton and after already facing them five days ago you can expect tonight's match to be very much like a battle.

It will resemble our games with Marconi towards the end of last season when we had to face them three times in succession. The reason is simple. Tactics play a limited role as both sides have already had a good look at each other.

Tonight's match will come down to the effort of all 22 players on the field. It is amazing how much tactics have become so important in the modern game with coaches always having a look at videos of recent matches to look for weaknesses or avenues to get through the opposition. There's no real need for that tonight, as we only have to cast our minds back to Olympic Park on Friday night. The main thing for us, as it has been for a few weeks now, is to concentrate on our own game.

Our last two performances at North Sydney Oval have been good with a 3-0 win over Sydney United followed by a 1-1 draw with Perth Glory. One thing that has made a big difference has been the impact of Matthew Langdon. Langers was missing for six weeks with a pelvic problem and he has made a huge difference since coming back into the side. He has shown the rest of the side the way to go and, more importantly, given us some direction and a very, very dangerous attacking option on the left.

Luke Casserly has also bounced back well after a stint in youth league and we are getting some quality ball in the penalty box, from both sides of the field. I think the sending off of John Perosh at our last home game shows that we need to increase the number of people allowed to sit on the bench.

Matthew Bingley did a good job when he came on, although he wasn't tested as much as I thought he would have been, but with the current system there is no way a reserve goalkeeper can be placed on the bench.

Modern football dictates that at least three substitutes are needed and the amount of times a goalkeeper is sent off or injured doesn't warrant leaving yourself short with two field replacements. All around the world the best leagues allow teams to have more than three replacements on the bench, but only three can enter the field. Why don't we go to that system so we can give our fans the value for money at games they deserve? Luckily for us, it didn't make a difference but it is something that should be looked at.

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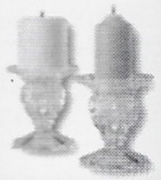

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captains call

with Robbie Slater

We probably should have come away with all the points against Perth Glory but after John Perosh was shown the red card, a draw wasn't a bad result in the end.

We have shown a lot of improvement over the last couple of games - Sydney United and Perth Glory - but we are still not anywhere near where we want to be or close to how we know we can play.

It was terrific to see the side playing with so much spirit in these two games because that is what has been missing this season. As usual, we won't be getting carried away over the two games, but we can certainly take heart from them.

In writing this before we meet Carlton for the first time, on their patch, it's hard to know what to say about them. They have obviously done well so far this season but if we play against them like we have done recently, and can find the net with a bit more regularity too, there is no reason that we won't be looking for our second win against them in five days tonight.

It seems strange to be playing them again so soon but that is just the way the fixture list throws things up.

Both of these matches should be great value for the supporters and you can be assured, as ever, that we will not be making anything easy for the visitors to Spirit Park, regardless of who they are or where they sit on the table.

Hopefully we will have celebrated another win and three points by the time you read this, and you will be cheering us on to another win tonight. The support you have given us this season, especially in the last few games, has been sensational and we really want to do the business for you as much as for ourselves, if not more so.

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sounds 'kewell' to me

with Harry Kewell

It was good to see the Olyroos achieve some good results at the recent Four Nations Tournament in Adelaide.

The Aussies defeated current Olympic Champions Nigeria 1-0 and then accounted for Egypt 1-0. Unfortunately we came undone against South Korea, losing 3-0, but there were some encouraging signs for Raul Blanco to build on.

Even though I was not able to make it down for the series I am still dedicated to representing Australia at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. I know Soccer Australia is working with Leeds United to see if I can be involved in one of the camps leading into the Olympic Games and if they can come to an agreement I'd love to link with the team before September. As for the Olympic Games I am really looking forward to them.

From what I've been told, Hayden Foxe, Stephen Laybutt, Lucas Neill and Kasey Wehrman were particularly impressive and they will form a good core for the team in Sydney.

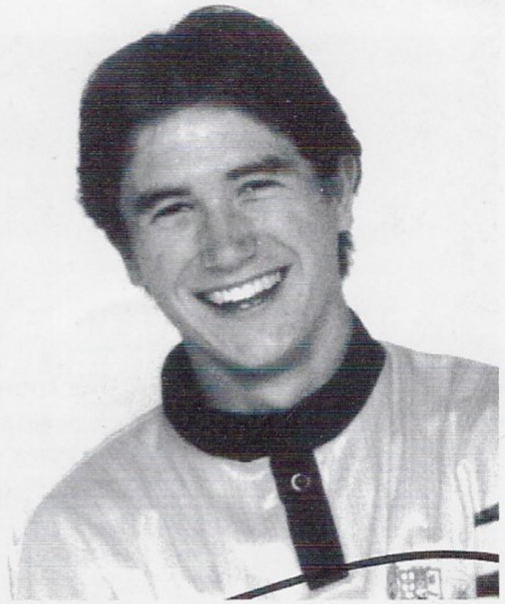
Obviously when you also add the three overage players we are going to have a side that is capable of making waves at the Olympic Games. Mark Viduka and Paul Okon are names that have been thrown about as inclusions in the side but there is any number of players who could do the job for Australia. Whoever comes into the side, me included, we all have the opportunity to achieve something very special for soccer in Australia.

The Olympic Games is behind only the World Cup as the biggest show in the world and with the Olympics to be held in Sydney that will put a focus on any Aussies who perform well. If we can do well in front of our home fans the image of soccer and popularity of the sport will lift. That will help the Socceroos as we strive to qualify for the next World Cup in 2002 and also help the NSL, which is going to be relaunched next year.

Tonight sees Northern Spirit take on Carlton and I'm hoping Arnie and the boys can continue their improvement with a win.

From all reports the last home game against Perth was a great game with Northern Spirit putting in a good performance.

Let's hope they can repeat the performance against Carlton.



Bill 'wild bill' Collins

with Phil Moss

Northern Spirit club physiotherapist Bill Collins is a self-confessed mediator, psychologist and advisor - and hasn't a university degree to show for any of the above.

What he is qualified at is treating injured players and helping give head coach Graham Arnold a plethora of talent to choose from on a weekly basis.

But, according to the man they call "Puppa Smurf", turning on the ultra-sound machine or zapping a sore muscle is only a small part of his job.

"My job is not just about treating players for injuries, I can assure you of that," Collins said this week. "There is so much more to it, like acting the mediator between the players and coaching staff, advising the boys when they come to me and helping them overcome any problems they might have - not just physical ones either.

"It's a tough position to be in sometimes especially when you have to act as the go-between for the players and coaching staff."

The "middle-aged" Collins (he bluntly refused to divulge his age) has plenty of experience to call on too, after extended stints with the Scottish Rugby Union, Glasgow Rangers and the Socceroos.

Born in Manly Hospital, Collins and his family moved to Scotland when he was a sprightly 16-year-old. During his 24 years abroad, he worked his way up to County Level as a more than capable full-back in the 15-a-side code before linking with the Scottish Rugby Union as a physio for a six-year job which took in the 1986 World Cup.

Soon after he started part-time work with Scottish giants Rangers before moving in full-time during the 1989/90 season. It was here that his first contact with the round-ball code was made.

And it proved a steep learning curve. Players the calibre of Mark Hateley, Gary Stevens, former Evertonian Trevor Steven and ex-Norwich custodian Chris Woods were hardly going to tolerate a physio who knew little about their game.

"You don't have to know the game inside out to be a physio, as long as you understand sport and sportspeople. The more you know the better it is though, and I was always learning - and I still am," Collins said.

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fans eye view

with Rebecca Carey

Away Trippers.....

The 'Away Trippers' make their way from the vehicles and enter the ground, the group observe the stadium and the other supporters, choosing their location carefully. It must be a place with a good view of the grass, and also within a close distance to a watering hole. They then spread their colours, in the form of a giant flag, across the surrounding seats, ensuring that everyone can see who they are and where they are from.

The 'Away Trippers' stay together for the duration of the game, alternately supporting their team and aunting the opposition and their supporters. The mating calls of this particular group is often to be found at opposition grounds... 'You light up my senses....' and 'My garden shed....' being the most common.

After the game has finished the travelling contingent can be found at another watering hole, their colours either brightened by the game, celebrating the victory, or dulled, trying to block out the match from their memories.

The 'Away Tripper' is actually a member of the Supporters species. There are currently 16 known Supporters species in the NSL, all with their own distinctive plumage and mating calls. The plumage of the Northern Spirit 'Away Tripper' reflects that of the team and can be found in a combination of White, Yellow, Red and Blue, while the Perth Glory species are predominately Purple with splashes of other colours.

The 'Away Trippers' prepare for a game at one of the local drinking holes. They partake of the local brew to moisten the throat and help loosen the muscles.

This ensures minimal damage to the throat and voice during the heavy chanting and mating calls throughout the game.

Almost every time the Spirit 'Away Trippers' visit another ground a ritual is born to commemorate the trip; 'BOING BOING, DING DING, LLAMA LLAMA' being one of the most memorable. This one began at Mobil Park when Spirit played Gippsland Falcons down there last season and is a great favourite of the crowd.

The reception of the 'Away Trippers' at the ground of other supporters has been mixed, with the Gippsland Supporters being the most welcoming by opening the doors to the ground and social areas, while forever trying to lure them over to join their Supporters.

Away Trippers are often found scrounging around for money between pay-days due to the financial burden of the almost compulsive and very addictive away games (hint hint)

An increasing number of supporters, including a large number of the 'Away Trippers' have been seen venturing out to watch the fledglings play. The Youth and Colts Teams, as they are also known, can be found playing at Christie Park, usually on a Saturday afternoon. This has been found to have mystical healing properties for those recovering from the previous nights support of the senior side.

A word of warning however to the uninitiated. Watch the game from the other side of the park from the players parents, as they have been known to protect their young as fiercely as parents in the wild.....

Bec

Rebecca Carey is the female representative on the Supporters Committee and if any of our female supporters have any problems, please contact Bec on the Committee number listed.

This is a fans page and, as such, we would like to hear your comments on anything Spirit related. You can contact us at: C/- Micky Brock, Northern Spirit FC, 15 Ridge St., North Sydney, NSW 2060 or for details of interstate travel, check out our website at - www.spirit.life.nu or ring our info-line: (02) 8250 4004.

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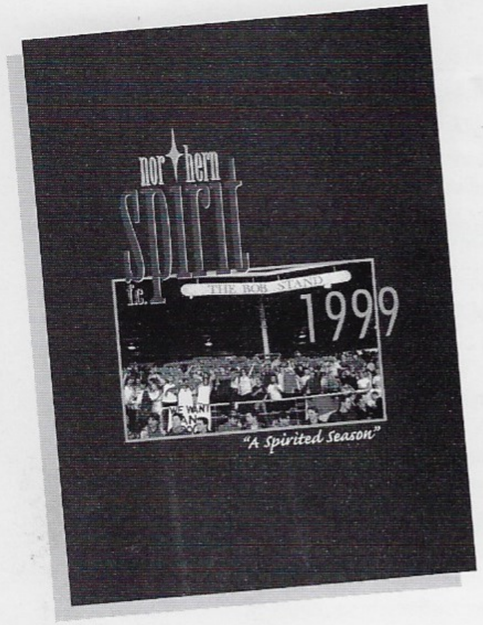

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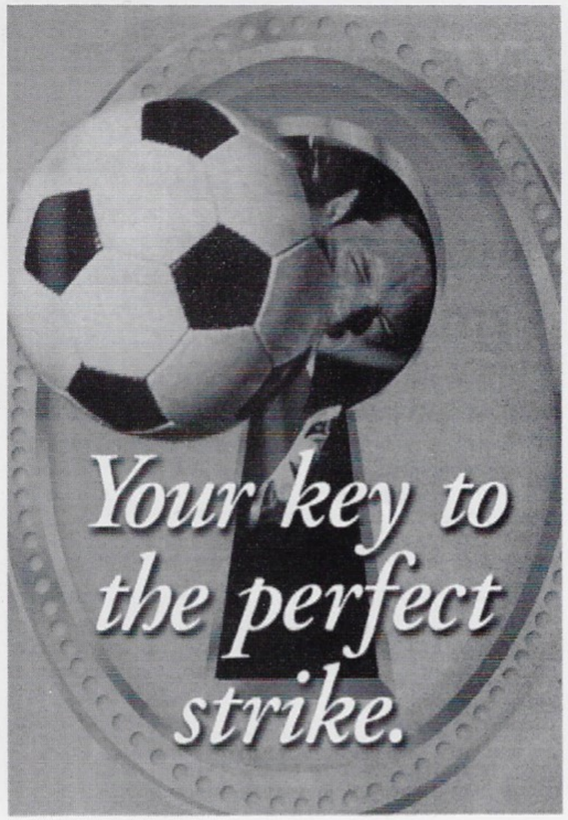

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team news

with Dave Mason

Last home match this column ran an article saying that Matthew Bingley had played every position except goalkeeper and that if ever needed he was the most logical replacement.

Sadly for John Perosh the situation unfolded against Perth Glory and Arnie was not too pleased that we tempted fate.

To make up for it I will offer the following, in the hope we can square the ledger and get something positive to happen:

* No Northern Spirit player has scored a hat trick since the club was launched.

* We haven't scored five goals in a game yet.

* Matt Langdon hasn't scored with his favourite left foot.

* David Seal has scored both goals with his head so his boots haven't found the net.

* Tony Perinich has scored three goals but none at North Sydney Oval.

Matthew Langdon

Speaking of Matthew Bingley he may not have been covered in glory after his performance in goals against Perth Glory but he did provide the Spirit Point boys with a laugh when a long range shot from Perth went sailing wide of the goal.

As he was sliding across the goal to cover his near post, as all good goalkeepers do, Bingers stretched out both arms to signal a wide.

Luckily he was also able to stretch his arms in the final minute when he tipped the only meaningful shot over the bar.

We won't talk about that too much because he hasn't shut up about it since.

Luke Casserly's strike against Perth Glory was a beauty and some argued it was his first goal for the club after his first and only goal last year took a big deflection.

When approached in the dressing room by one of the doubting Thomas's after the match he asked: "Are you going to give me that one?"

Fair enough, and what a great hit it was but can we see a pattern emerging here?

First Phil Moss scored from outside the penalty box against Marconi and then Matthew Langdon did likewise against Sydney United.

Phil Moss

Both goals were the first either player scored in the NSL so maybe that does men that Luke's hit last year was an own goal.

On a serious side three screamers from outside the box have kept the crowd happy but also opened the eyes of the players who are now not afraid to have a shot from distance.

Birthday wishes for last week for David Seal, who turned 28 last Friday night.

Let's hope he can celebrate with a goal against Carlton tonight.

One thing is for sure, if he does find the net he learned his lesson about jumping the advertising and running to the crowd after his goal against Sydney United.

It wasn't the yellow card that put him off it was the fear of re-injuring his groin getting back over.

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Bill 'wild bill' Collins

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"I've got great memories of my time with Rangers and the boys often have a dig at me for always talking about it."

Those memories include a European Cup semi-final loss to Marseille - Spirit assistant coach and former Norwich, Tottenham and England star Ian Crook swears blind no Scottish team ever made it that far but we'll give "Puppa" the benefit of the doubt - and a home and away victory over Leeds in the Battle of Britain series.

A move to Australia in '95 brought about a phone call from one Mr Eddie Thomson just six weeks after touching down to see if he would be interested in coming on board with the Socceroos.

"The manager at Rangers was Walter Smith (now Everton) and he knew Thommo so it all happened through those channels. I was only too happy to help out," Collins said.

That little journey, still continuing under the current Frank Farina-Graham Arnold regime, took in the ill-fated 1997 home and away World Cup qualifiers against Iran. And if you think the players were doing it tough tucked away in the MCG dressing rooms after the match, spare a thought for the physio.

"You might not kick a ball but you still experience the emotions which go with winning and losing," he said. "That was a tough night for all of us and it took some getting over."

Collins rates the likes of Harry Kewell, Kevin Muscat, Mark Bosnich and northern beaches boy Lucas Neill (Olyroo and Millwall) as some of his favourites in Australian colours.

And Terry Venables is the best thing that ever happened to Australian soccer. "He is a great man and a great manager - it was a pleasure working with him," he said. "He did an incredible lot of good for the game in this country."

With a runners-up medal to Brazil in the Confederations Cup in Saudi Arabia (Collins and kitman Nelson Delasio were both ushered on stage by Venables to receive a medal from the Prince of Saudi Arabia) came the end of one project and the start of another - setting up Northern Spirit.

Spirit officials, including Arnold and chairman Remo Nogarotto wasted no time getting Collins on board as the fledgling club set the infrastructure in place for its inaugural season in the 1998/99 national league.

Arnold said: "Bill was the obvious target for us being such a thorough professional and a local to boot. I had worked with him at national level and knew he had plenty to offer the club. He was an important cog in the setting up of this club and put in plenty of hours - and still does."

"He's brilliant in the dressing room and knows exactly how to deal with sportsmen."

Collins' dressing room demeanor includes plenty of humor - dishing it out and copping it - and a keen eye. Nothing gets by Bill Collins. You turn up to work and he makes sure you do. Whether it be training, rehabilitating an injury or the apprentices carrying out their duties - Collins knows if you are bludging. He forgives but doesn't forget!

So next time you see Collins on match night - he's the slightly greying one wearing a cap running off the bench to treat players - you'll know that's only part of his job.

Bill Collins - the man for all jobs and the true Mr Northern Spirit!

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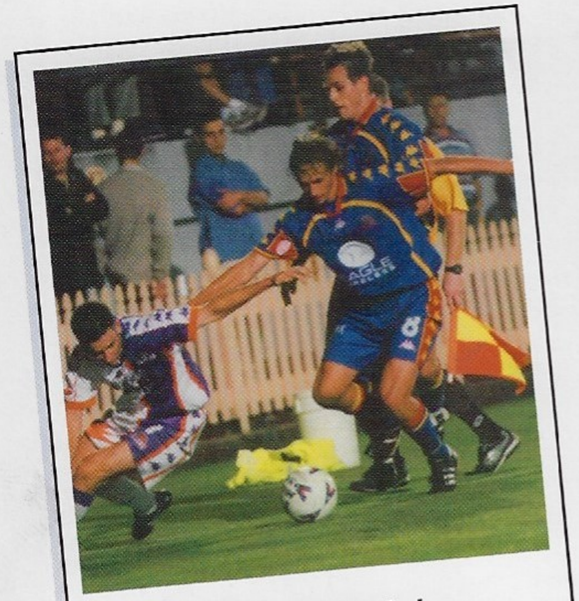
with Micky Brock



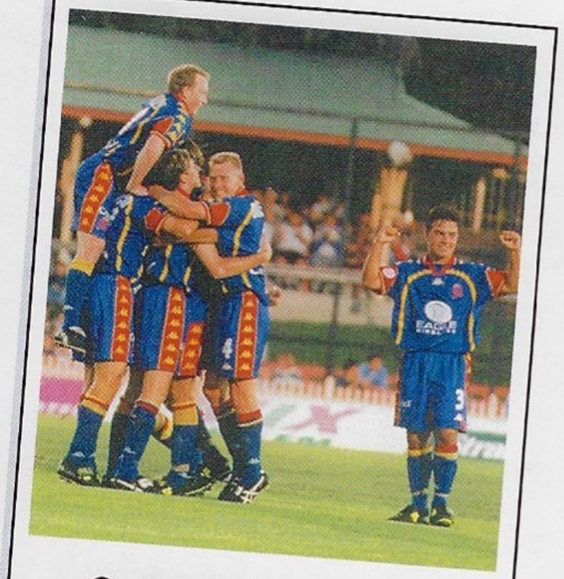
Tony Perinich

Friday, 14th January 2000.
Att: 11,128
Northern Spirit 1 (Casserly 32)
Perth Glory 1 (Boutsianis 62)

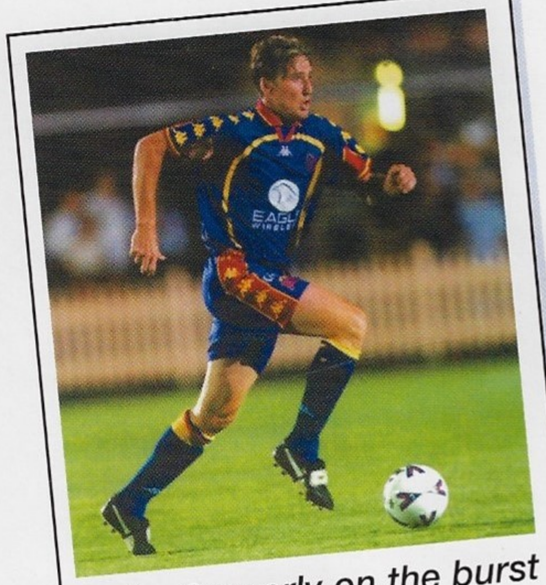
On a night of twists and turns, Northern Spirit and Perth Glory recorded their first ever drawn result against each other in a match Spirit should surely have sewn up before the half-time whistle.

Glory were never allowed to settle on the ball and get into the rhythm they have exhibited all season due to tireless work all around the pitch and the attacking display of a Spirit side that looks to be getting back to its best.

Paul Bilokapic saw his free-kick shave the paint of the left-hand upright and on a further two or three occasions the ball was stopped on the line or lost in a last ditch tackle by desperate defenders as Spirit run the Glory ragged in the opening 20-minutes.



Celebrating the goal



Luke Casserly on the burst

Many half and clear cut chances were spurned by the home side before Luke Casserly netted his fourth NSL goal with 32-minutes on the clock.

Casserly picked up a loose ball just outside the area and glided past one defender before unleashing an unstoppable left foot shot from the edge of the box. Glory 'keeper Jason Petkovic was left stranded as the ball sped into the top left-hand corner of the net.

Casserly almost added another moments later when firing in a thunderous free-kick from the edge of the area that had Petkovic beaten all hands up but thudded off the crossbar and out for a goal-kick.

Ivan Ergic, the youngster discovered by Glory this year, looked a promising prospect and the visitors best moves stemmed from him which made it a double blow as he didn't appear after the break due to an injury he sustained in the opening half.

John Perosh made probably his first error since coming into the side to gift Con Boutsianis an equaliser after 62-minutes. Boutsianis appeared to attempt to chip the ball into the centre for a cross but the speed of Perosh off his line caused the ball to deflect off his body and though valiantly trying to retrieve the situation, the ball rolled agonisingly slowly over the line to lock the scores at one-all.

Two minutes later and the night got even worse for the Spirit custodian as he again sped off his line to block a bobby Despotovski break but the he was well outside the area when the ball struck him on the arm. Although the ball once again broke to Boutsianis who slotted home with glee, referee Brett Hugo had already blown for the cautionable offence and produced the red card for Perosh and a free-kick for Glory.

Matt Bingley, who loves to muck around in goals in training, took over between the sticks and in reality, made only one save during the 28-minutes, much to the chagrin of Glory coach Bernd Stange, as the visitors never tested the stand-in goalie.

Defender Jamie Harnwell had a header that Bingley tipped over the bar in the 89th minute but apart from that incident, Glory never used their one man advantage.

Stange said after the match: "I am very angry with the way we played after the 'keeper was sent-off. We didn't play for a win, only for the draw."

He was equally unhappy with the red card incident saying: "The referee has the option to wait for a second before blowing the whistle, to allow advantage to be played. Instead, he chose to blow it too early."

Spirit played the side sitting second on the ladder and were never tested throughout the match, even when losing a vital cog in the machinery. Perhaps that win against Sydney United will be seen as the turning point of the season?

Note: Due to publishing deadlines, Carlton match report will appear in the next issue.

CONGRATULATIONS
To our Matilda Calendar Winners

B. Chapman	Mary Flanagan
S. Wormerdam	Amy Dickman
Michael Carbery	Geoff Greenwell
Ruth Starr	B. Flynn
Jacinta Soro	Loretta Bingemann

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HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

One of our programme sellers, an avid Northern Spirit and Chelsea supporter, turned 21 this week. Helping the club from our very first match at Spirit Park, we'd like to offer our congratulations to Barney 'Nobby Jnr' Beale on a major milestone in life and to wish him all the very best in the coming years. Your help has been invaluable and much appreciated.

results & fixtures

RD	DATE	OPPONENT	F-A	SCORERS	HOME	AWAY
	OCTOBER					
1	MON 4	*Sydney Utd*	2-0	SLATER 53, SEAL 58		5,023
2	SUN 10	*Sth Melbourne*	0-2			6,917
3	FRI 15	**NEWCASTLE**	0-2		12,733	
4	SAT 23	*Brisbane Str*	2-2	BINGLEY 35, SAAD 90		4,009
5	FRI 29	**SYD OLYMPIC**	0-1		16,134	
	NOVEMBER					
6	SUN 7	*Wollongong W*	0-3			5,123
7	SAT 13	*Marconi Stal*	0-1			9,123
8	FRI 19	**KINGZ FC**	3-2	BINGLEY 33, SAAD 38, SLATER 83	8,933	
9	SAT 27	*Gippsland Fal*	0-2			2,172
	DECEMBER					
10	FRI 3	**MARCONI**	1-0	MOSS 58	9,089	
11	SUN 12	*Melb Knights*	1-0	PERINICH 83		3,820
12	FRI 17	**ADEL FORCE**	0-3		6,106	
13	TUE 28	*Canberra Cos*		PERINICH 2,73, BINGLEY 81		1,863
	JANUARY					
14	SUN 2	**BRISBANE**	0-2		6,714	
15	FRI 7	**SYD UTD**	3-0	CUNICO 16, SEAL 47, LANGDON 67	11,774	
16	FRI 14	**PERTH GL**	1-1	CASSERLY 32	11,128	
17	FRI 21	*Carlton*				
18	WED 26	**CARLTON**				
19	FRI 28	*Parra Power*				
	FEBRUARY					
20	FRI 4	**STH MELB**				
21	FRI 11	*Newcastle Bre*				
22	FRI 22	**BRISBANE**				
23	SUN 27	*Syd Olympic*				
	MARCH					
24	FRI 3	**W'GONG W**				
25	FRI 10	**MARCONI**				
26	FRI 17	*Kingz FC*				
27	FRI 24	**GIPPSLAND F**				
	APRIL					
28	SUN 2	*Marconi Stal*				
29	FRI 7	**MELB KNIGHTS**				
30	FRI 14	*Adelaide Force*				
31	THU 20	**CANBERRA**				
32	TUE 25	*Brisbane Strikers*				
33	FRI 28	**PARRA POWER**				
	MAY					
34	SUN 7	*Perth Glory*				

HOME MATCHES *- Away matches*

first team statistics

ROUND 15 RESULTS

Northern Spirit 1 (Casserly 32)	v	Perth Glory 1 (Boutsianis 62)
Gippsland Falcons 2 (MacNicol 40, Vargas 62)	v	Brisbane Strikers 1 (Meredith 82)
Wollongong Wolves 3 (Chipperfield 15, Young 59, Masi 83)	v	Carlton 2 (Thompson 27, McPherson 86)
Sydney United 2 (Bosevski 67, Genc 90)	v	Sydney Olympic 0
Marconi Stallions 2 (Duric 35, Z.Babic 63)	v	Canberra Cosmos 3 (Burt 50,80, De Jesus 89)
Melbourne Knights 1 (Kovacevic 87)	v	Adelaide Force 1 (Pelosi 11)
Football Kingz P	v	Parramatta Power P
Newcastle Breakers P	v	South Melbourne P

Round 17 Update in next issue due to publishing deadline dates

Round 16 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Home Avg Att:
Sydney Olympic	16	9	3	4	26	16	30	5,876
Perth Glory	16	8	5	3	30	18	29	13,030
W'gong Wolves	16	8	5	3	32	24	29	4,059
Brisbane Strikers	16	8	4	4	26	15	28	3,924
Carlton	15	7	5	3	29	17	26	3,029
N'castle Breakers	15	7	5	3	22	19	26	5,448
Marconi Stallions	15	7	2	6	21	21	23	5,488
Football Kingz	15	5	5	5	26	27	20	4,250
Gippsland Falcons	16	5	5	6	12	16	20	2,168
Northern Spirit	16	6	2	8	16	22	20	10,326
South Melbourne	14	5	3	6	22	21	18	7,805
Adelaide Force	16	4	6	6	16	18	18	5,009
Parramatta Power	14	4	3	7	23	26	15	6,323
Canberra Cosmos	16	4	2	10	20	31	14	3,035
Melbourne Knights	16	4	2	10	15	32	14	3,787
Sydney United	16	3	3	10	10	23	12	3,651

Appearances						NSL Totals	
	Aps	Sub	Gls	Y/C	R/C	Aps	Gls
P Henderson	3	-	-	-	-	33	-
M Bingley	15	-	3	1	-	213	39
L Casserly	12	-	1	2	-	151	4
M Rudan	9	2	-	4	-	89	8
T Cranney	15	-	-	1	-	216	16
R Enes	9	-	-	1	1	99	1
P Bilokapic	11	1	-	3	-	130	11
R Slater	11	-	2	2	-	227	55
D Seal	10	2	2	2	-	115	60
C Zane	3	-	-	1	-	100	20
M Langdon	10	-	1	1	-	33	1
G Arnold	5	1	-	-	-	211	72
M Cunico	4	10	1	2	-	34	2
A Faria	1	1	-	-	-	5	-
I Crook	5	-	-	1	-	17	2
P Moss	3	6	1	1	-	29	1
S Catanzaro	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
J Sobczyk	11	1	-	-	-	13	-
D Culina	2	1	-	-	-	6	-
J Perosh*	13	-	-	-	1	43	-
T Perinich	7	3	3	-	-	80	22
A Saad	6	3	2	-	-	184	52
S Cranney	2	2	-	-	-	133	16
R Griffiths	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
A Griffiths	6	-	-	1	-	6	-
S Lyons	2	2	-	1	-	5	-
A Snyder	-	3	-	-	-	5	-

the old Australia

with Micky Brock

(and thanx to Joe Watson/Robbie Wheatley)

WHO'S WHO?

GOALKEEPERS

Tony Pezzano - Played for Sydney City when the club led the way in Australian football. Still as sprightly as ever in goal.

DEFENDERS

Gary Van Egmond - Now the Youth Team coach at Northern Spirit, 'Dutchie' is no stranger to Spirit Park nor the 'big time' of NSL football. Formerly with Adelaide City and Marconi.

Robbie Wheatley - Now a co-commentator on several football shows, Robbie can play at Sweeper or Full-back. Will be interesting to see how he fairs on this pitch as he used to play for Marconi and they've never scored on this ground.

Joe Rizzotto - Another ex-Marconi boy, Joe usually slots into the left-back role and is as useful today as he ever was, even if like the rest of the stars on show today, a tad slower.

Gerry Gomez - A very handy Stopper to have in the side, Gerry plied his trade with Sydney City and could well be called into action today. Well worth keeping an eye on.

Tony Henderson - Played for Canberra and Marconi, this particular 'Hendo' will be sweeping up any attack that manages to penetrate a very solid looking back-line.

Alex Robertson - Certainly not here to make up the numbers for this 'Sydney City Reunion', Alex was renowned for his tireless running and mopping up operations behind a pretty slick back four.

MIDFIELD

Joe Watson - A Sydney City stalwart when they were the pacesetters of the fledgling NSL, it promises to be a treat for all those watching as he unleashes those silky skills one more, this time on an 'expecting' public and players alike. Was voted 'Australian Player of the Year' in 1983. Still involved with the game coaching State League sides.

Jim Patikas - Joining the fun of the 'Spirit of Australia Day Challenge' is another respected midfielder in the shape of Jim Patikas. Both Sydney City and Sydney United were thankful of his services, and it should prove a wonderful sight as he links up with Joe Watson and Co. for this game.

Tom McCulloch - Yet another former Sydney City boy, Tom also turned out for Marconi.

Peter Katholos - Spent most of his career with Sydney Olympic and, like his midfield counterpart Mr. Watson, was voted Australia's 'Player of The Year' in 1982. Highly respected player in his heyday, is one the World XI will need to keep an eye on tonight.

STRIKERS

Peter Sharne - Former Marconi frontman, lethal when inside the box. Should link up well with so many former team-mates in the side and could possibly strike up a decent partnership with the young pup partnering him tonight?

Frank Farina - Current coach of the National side, Frankie needs no introduction to anyone here tonight. Noted for his pace, style and grace, both in Australia and overseas, took Brisbane Strikers to their only Grand Final win a few seasons ago. If a man like Farina cannot instill a bit of fear in the opposition, nobody will.

Grant Lee - Another striker to have graced both Sydney City and Sydney Olympic.

Terry Butler - Formerly with APIA Leichhardt in their heyday.

Alan Hunter - Manager

Charlie Jurisic - Physio

Bill Pappas - Gear Steward

THE MEN IN BLACK

Tonight's Officials are supplied courtesy of Manly Warringah Soccer Referees Association

Referee - ***Mr. Andrew Vale***

Assistant Referees - ***Mr. Don Gale, Mr. Graham Kellow, Mr. Wayne Ransom***

Tonight's Trophy donated by ***JD Trophies***, 5 Powderworks Rd, Narrabeen, NSW 2101

Sincere thanks to all participants this evening. Well played.

the world XI

with Micky Brock

(and thanx to Peter Hensman)

WHO'S WHO?

GOALKEEPER

Alex McPherson - The lad is no stranger to many in Australia having played for Everton, Melita Eagles (NSL Cup Winner), West Adelaide (now defunct) and Marconi (NSL Champions). Still as athletic as ever.

DEFENDERS

Paul Coutts - Formerly with St. Mirren in Scotland and once managed by Sir Alex Ferguson, which obviously did him no harm as he plays today.

Frank Layden - Played for Sydney United, Apia and North Sydney. A local no less!

Mike Berry - Was in the squad for Southampton that beat Manchester United in the FA Cup and for Marconi he won an NSL Champions medal. Being a true winner, he was also a State Champion with Melita Eagles.

Kenny Wilson - Another to have played in Scotland, this time with Glasgow Rangers, collected silverware with Sydney Olympic (Ampol Cup and Grand Final Winners), and Melita Eagles (State Champions).

Chris Hanley - Played a lot of football in the north shore area with Manly, Dee Why and Artarmon, with whom he is another State Champion.

MIDFIELD

Jimmy McGill - Won the Irish 1st Division with both Lindfield and Glentoran. Was fortunate to play in two European Cup campaigns before joining Sydney City.

Jim McBreen - Burnley, Wollongong and APIA were his clubs, winning the NSL Cup with the latter.

Nigel Groome - Another former Everton player who also played with St. George and Sutherland.

Craig Mason - Played with Newcastle before winning an NSL Champions medal with Marconi.

John 'Chic' Bradley - A former Northampton Town player, where David Seal spent some time, and won a 1st Division medal with Dundee in Scotland. Partnered that medal with the NSL Cup Winners variety, again with APIA.

Peter Falconer - Another of the NSL Cup Winners Sydney City, sandwiched between stints at Derby County, New Zealand National League and Manly.

STRIKERS

John McKee - Ayr United, Mansfield Town, APIA, Melita Eagles, with whom he was a State Champion, and Blacktown City.

Peter Hensman - The cheeks may puff out a bit further these days but he can still bang them away as he did for Worcester City, St. George (NSL Cup Finalist), Sydney Olympic (Ampol Cup and Grand Final Winner), Sydney United (State and Grand Final Champion) and Melita Eagles (State Grand Final Winners).

Tom Gavin - Former QPR, Sydney Olympic and Manly front man.

Alan Boyce - The third of the ex-Everton trio, also played in the Danish 1st Division, Blacktown City and Artarmon.

Fred Ennis - Spent his career playing for State League sides, most notably Kingsford.

Barry Walker - New Zealand National League, St. George and Melita Eagles (State Champions), he may lead the lads in a song or two as he played for Wrexham (Wales) too!

youth news

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 1999/2000 UPDATE

Syd Utd Yth	F	NS Youth	F*	Marconi Yth	3	NS Youth	2
Newctle Clts	2	NS Youth	3	Syd Oly Acd	2	NS Youth	6
NS Youth	1	Newctle Yth	0	NS Youth	1	Syd U Colts	2
NSWIS	1	NS Youth	1	ACTAS	2	NS Youth	2
NS Youth	1	Syd Oly Yth	2	NS Youth	2	QAS	1
Wollongong	0	NS Youth	1	NS Youth	6	Sydney Utd	1
NS Youth	4	NS Colts	1	NS Youth	9	W'gong Clts	0
AIS	1	NS Youth	2	United forfeit game*			

NATIONAL COLTS LEAGUE 1999/2000 UPDATE

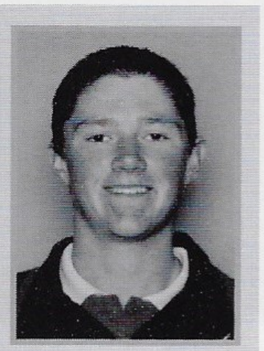
Syd Utd Yth	0	NS Colts	0	NS Colts	0	Marc Stal	3
NS Colts	4	Newctle Colts	1	NS Colts	3	Syd Oly Acad	2
Newctle Yth	1	NS Colts	0	NS Colts	0	Syd Utd Clts	0
NS Colts	2	NSWIS	1	NS Colts	1	ACTAS	2
Syd Olympic	1	NS Colts	1	NS Colts	1	QAS	3
NS Colts	1	NS Youth	4	NS Colts	0	Marconi Clts	2
Marconi Clts	4	NS Colts	1	NS Colts	1	Parra Power	5
AIS	8	NS Colts	0				

NORTHERN DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Syd Olympic	15	11	3	1	43	12	36
Parra Power	15	11	2	2	42	13	35
QAS	16	10	1	5	47	25	31
AIS	13	9	2	2	51	14	29
NS Youth	14	9	2	3	41	18	29
Marconi Stal	14	9	0	5	30	21	27
Newcastle Brks	15	8	1	6	27	17	25
Sydney Utd	13	7	1	5	22	25	22
ACTAS	15	5	5	5	23	34	20
NSWIS	14	5	3	6	25	19	18
Syd Oly Acad	15	6	0	9	33	54	18
Wollongong	14	4	2	8	16	27	14
Newcastle Colts	16	4	2	10	19	32	14
Marconi Colts	15	3	4	8	23	36	13
NS Colts	14	3	2	9	15	37	11
Syd Utd Colts	16	2	3	11	15	39	9
Wollongong Colts	12	0	1	11	7	56	1

youth appearances

DAVID BRICKELL



NICKNAME:
Brick or Reds

HEIGHT:
184cm

WEIGHT:
60kg

DOB:
3/11/82

PLACE OF BIRTH:
Sydney

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Eastern Suburbs, Sutherland, Leichhardt

LAST CLUB PLAYED FOR:
Leichhardt

REP HONOURS:
NSW U/14 State team

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Paul Smith, Bruce Wallace

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:
Missing a penalty in last seasons semi-final

FAV FOOTBALL MEMORY:
Making the NSW state team

FAV MOMENT OF LAST SEASON:
Playing for Spirit

MOST MEMORABLE GOAL:
For Sutherland in the U/13s against Marconi

PERSONAL MOTIVATION:
The will to make it

WORDS OF ADVICE:
Work hard and be good to your mother

AMBITION IN FOOTBALL:
To keep improving and play at the highest level

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:
Too many to mention

FAV DRINK:
Cordial

FAV TV SHOW:
Stingers and English Premier League

FAV MOVIE:
Something about Mary

FAV MUSIC:
Anything except country!

YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES 1999/2000

	Aps	Sub	Gls	Y/C	R/C
J Perosh*	3	-	-	-	-
A Snyder	7	-	2	1	-
E Olic	15	-	2	1	-
R Griffiths	13	-	8	-	-
J Sobczyk	3	-	-	1	-
A Griffiths	7	-	1	1	-
J Monie	10	4	6	1	-
D Kane	11	2	3	-	-
T MacRae	10	3	2	3	-
S Catanzaro	11	-	1	2	(1)
R Kethel	13	-	1	6	-
S Miller	12	1	1	3	-
A Faria	1	-	-	-	-
P Antar	-	8	2	-	-
A Israel	1	1	-	-	-
C Sharp*	1	-	-	-	-
P Bilokapic	4	-	4	-	-
D Culina	6	-	2	-	-
M Cunico	2	-	-	-	-
J Hamilton	1	1	-	-	-
P Henderson*	8	-	-	-	-
P Moss	4	-	-	1	-
M Prentice	71	-	-	-	-
D Seal	3	-	4	-	-
S Cranney	2	-	-	-	-
J Van Stratten*	3	-	-	-	-
T Perinich	1	-	-	-	-
P Wearne	2	-	1	-	-
D Brickell	1	-	1	-	-
R Van Der Vyer	-	1	-	-	-
K Bradt	-	1	-	-	-

* Goalkeepers

NEXT MATCH

Parramatta Power v NS Youth

Saturday, 29th January 2000, Parramatta Stadium. Kick-off 5.00pm

NS Youth v Newcastle Breakers Colts

Saturday, 5th February 2000, Christie Park. Kick-off 4.30pm

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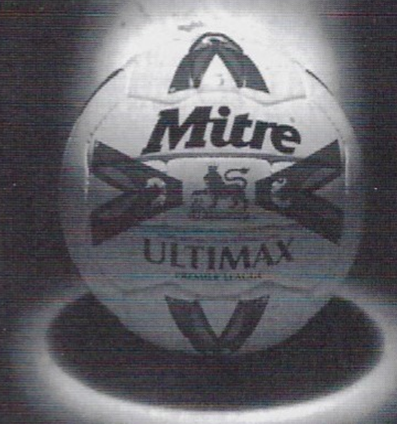

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team news

with Dave Mason

With Tony Perinich and Sealy starting to get a good combination up front it would be easy for the growing number of talented strikers to drop their heads but that has been far from the case.

Ryan Griffiths, Simon Catanzaro and Adam Snyder have all figured in first grade over the last month and all three guys have exceeded when thrown onto the field.

Last weekend the youth team also beat Wollongong Wolves Colts 9-0 with Griffo finding the net twice.

Tonight we take on Carlton and if history has any bearing on the result we should be looking good.

Last year we defeated Carlton twice. The only other sides Northern Spirit defeated twice were Adelaide Sharks and Melbourne Knights.

The first victory was memorable as it was the club's first ever win in the NSL.

Mark Rudan won't forget it either as he scored both goals, the first being Northern Spirit's first-ever goal in the NSL.

With two wins against both Carlton and Melbourne Knights it shows that last year, Northern Spirit did very well against Melbourne teams.

Out of the eight games against South Melbourne, Gippsland, Carlton and Melbourne Knights, the Spirit won six games and drew one. The only loss being a 2-0 defeat at the hands of South Melbourne.

Hands up if you scored Spirit's first goal.

The draw came away to Gippsland, so last year we beat all Melbourne sides at North Sydney Oval.

Sorry if that puts the mock on them Arnie!

Last season Northern Spirit Coach Graham Arnold was lamenting the loss of players to suspension as red and yellow cards flew around with gay abandon.

This year the story has been different.

Before Last Friday night's match against Carlton, Northern Spirit had picked up just 24 yellow cards from 16 matches with two red cards to Robbie Enes and John Perosh.

The Fair Play standings saw Northern Spirit the third best behaved side in the league behind Newcastle and tonight's visitors, Carlton.

So we can expect very few yellow cards tonight.

Northern Spirit's development officer Phil Moss has certainly been clocking up the miles as he visits schools, shopping centres, hospitals and soccer presentations and clinics.

Figures released by NSW Soccer recently showed that Northern Spirit, through promotional visits and clinics, had reached 49 per cent of the total number reached by the 16 NSL clubs.

We made 248 visits, which took in 23,310 children and/or parents. On the figures available from NSW Soccer this compares to a total of 631 visits for 46,834 children and/or parents.

The figures were collated over the 1999 calendar year.

colt appearances

SIMON MILLER

NS YOUTH

NICKNAME:
Fluffy

HEIGHT:
189cm

WEIGHT:
73kg

DOB:
25/3/81

PLACE OF BIRTH:
Blacktown

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Manly-Warringah, Parramatta Eagles

LAST CLUB PLAYED FOR:
Manly-Warringah

REP HONOURS:
NSW U/15s

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Parents

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:
Losing

FAV FOOTBALL MEMORY:
Meeting Pele

FAV MOMENT OF LAST SEASON:
My first game for Northern Spirit

MOST MEMORABLE GOAL:
All of them

PERSONAL MOTIVATION:
To do what I love for a living

WORDS OF ADVICE:
Some people say football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I assure you, it's far more important than that!

AMBITION IN FOOTBALL:
To play professionally overseas and make a living from it

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:
Any sports and women

FAV DRINK:
Powerade, water

FAV TV SHOW:
Seinfeld

FAV MOVIE:
Top Secret

FAV MUSIC:
Punk, Dance, 60s

COLTS TEAM

APPEARANCES 1999/2000

	Aps	Sub	Gls	Y/C	R/C
M Nelson*	2	2	-	-	-
C Sharpe*	7	-	-	-	-
D Anderson	13	-	-	2	-
C Jones	15	-	3	2	-
P Wearne	7	-	-	3	(1)
G McLean	8	2	1	1	-
A Monteleone	9	1	-	3	-
N Vasili	15	-	2	1	-
A Snyder	4	-	2	1	-
L Berbis	13	-	1	2	-
C Talevski	8	4	-	2	-
A Faria	3	-	1	-	-
J Majurovski	12	3	2	-	-
R Enes	1	-	-	1	-
M Cunico	3	-	1	-	-
T Perenich	2	-	1	1	-
N Foti	5	4	1	-	-
M Sutton	6	3	-	2	-
P Dougheney*	1	-	-	-	-
I Church	8	1	-	3	-
A Saginian	-	4	-	-	1
D Culina	1	-	-	-	-
A Griffiths	1	-	-	-	-
D Watkins	4	1	-	-	-
S Teofilo	2	2	-	-	-
S Lyons	3	-	-	1	-
J Schirripa	2	1	-	-	-
P Henderson*	3	-	-	-	-
A Zammit	-	3	-	-	-
N Moulds	-	1	-	-	-
J Van Stratten*	2	-	-	-	-
P Moss	1	-	-	-	-
S Cranney	1	-	-	1	-
M Rudan	1	-	-	-	-
A Saad	1	-	-	-	-
Goalkeepers*					

NEXT MATCH

QAS v NS Colts

Saturday, 29th January 2000, Suncorp Metway Stadium. Kick-off 6.30pm

NS Colts v Sydney United

Saturday, 5th February 2000, Christie Park. Kick-off 6.30pm

our visitors tonight

with Micky Brock

Now in their third season of NSL football, Carlton come to Spirit Park in the hope that they will at least take their first point off the Northern Spirit team.

Indeed, it was against Carlton last season that Spirit recorded their very first NSL win after two opening defeats. Mark Rudan went down in history as the first player to score an NSL goal for the club and then made absolutely certain by scoring another.

The strange thing about playing against Carlton is that in both matches last season they were the team to score first before Spirit lifted a gear and took all three points in two very entertaining matches.

Carlton made the Grand Final in their first season, a feat unlikely to be repeated for many seasons to come, before losing to South Melbourne, albeit to a suspiciously offside looking goal in the dying minutes of the game.

Andrew Marth has been a very consistent performer for the Melbourne side this season and has popped up with many crucial goals this term. He is certainly one of the danger players that Spirit must be aware of tonight, along with one or two others in Alex Moriera and Lubo Lapsansky (if chosen to play). Waiting in the wings is none other than John Markovski who has been used from the bench in recent games.

Last season was, by their own standards, a bit of a shocker for Carlton as they plummeted down the table and could not regain the consistency they become noted for under then coach Eddie Krncevic. Perhaps it was a case of 'second season syndrome' that many clubs tend to suffer from?

New coach Stuart Munro, formerly with Gippsland Falcons, appears to have steadied the ship this season and once again Carlton are flying close to the top of the league as they attempt to reach Grand Final number two.

Standing in the way tonight is a Northern Spirit side struggling to find their true form this season but the encounter has all the makings of a classic, even if we did play them just a few days ago in Melbourne.

SPIRIT HEAD TO HEAD

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HOME	1	1	0	0	3	1
AWAY	1	1	0	0	2	1